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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY CHIEF, [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

Comments on Memo by [REDACTED], Acting Chief,  
to [REDACTED], dated 7 March 1951, [REDACTED]

1. I have today discussed this memorandum with Dr. [REDACTED] and  
of [REDACTED] Dr. [REDACTED] is assistant to Dr. [REDACTED] Dr. [REDACTED] states  
that [REDACTED]

a. Certain drugs are known to produce amnesia. Usually  
the effect lasts a matter of hours or days, at the most three  
months. He knows of none which are in effect as long as 18  
months, as intimated in the above memo.

b. Permanent damage of the brain by drugs is quite  
feasible; but it would be an unusual drug which would damage  
the brain in such a way that damage is completely repaired  
over an 18-month period.

c. It seems unlikely that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] would stumble on a "series of related drugs"  
of this nature; rather this would be general knowledge in  
special medical groups.

d. Despite the unusualness of the claims, the contact  
with [REDACTED] should be pursued further, as suggested  
in section 2 below.

2. Immediate action.

a. Further contact, possibly by Mr. [REDACTED], who  
first made the contact, should be maintained with [REDACTED]  
to ascertain:

- (1) the chemical nature of these drugs, and whether  
they are well known,
- (2) more information as to their exact physiological  
effects,
- (3) who manufactures them or has studied them, and
- (4) what clinical evidence there is that they have such  
lingering effects.

b. When this evidence has been obtained, [REDACTED] will be [REDACTED]  
to help evaluate the proposals therein.

3. Ultimate action.

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3. Ultimate Action. If the report in section 2 is sufficiently promising, it might be advisable to proceed as follows:

C/E 2. [redacted] to prepare an exploratory report indicating:

- (1) the items in 2a above,
- (2) how and where [redacted] would carry out these tests. C

C b. After this report is in, it would be fitting to discuss the proposals at a joint meeting of certain radical groups with [redacted]

c. In the course of the inquiry, drugs which might undo the effects of the amnesia-producing drugs should not be overlooked. An amnesia-induced defector might be made to talk by administering this counter-drug.

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